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To comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the prior art listed on the attached PTO-1449 is submitted herewith to the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified application.

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English language abstracts are provided for Documents AQ -AU.

Document AA (US 5,619,879) is a counterpart of Document AT (DE 44 00 257).

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